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Monthly Meeting

August 18, 2015

Attendance:

Jim Lovell (Republican Seat 1)

Dottie Krull (Republican Seat 2)

Sallie Sorohan (Democratic Seat 3)

George Gould (Democratic Seat 4)

Ashley Peck: Supervisor of Elections

I. Call to order. Ms. Krull called the meeting to order at 9:21 am.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **July 21, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting**
- **July 21, 2015 Executive Session**
- **July 29, 2015 Special Called Meeting**

Mr. Gould made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Sorohan seconded the motion. All members approved the motion. The motion carried.

III. Public Hearing/ Challenged Voter

- In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228, a hearing was held to determine the eligibility to remain on the Electors List of one individual. A detailed list with reasons for the challenge, pertinent research and the date the notices were mailed to the individual are reviewed by the Board. The challenged voter was not in attendance.
- *Based upon the available evidence, Mr. Gould made a motion to delete the voter from the electors list. Ms. Sorohan seconded the motion. Ms. Peck abstained. The motion carried.*
- Resolved, that the voter is no longer qualified to be registered in Lumpkin County.

IV. Policy Recommendations

- To ensure office policies and procedures are in accordance with the Georgia Election Code and State Election Board Rules and Guidelines, and to ensure all eligible voters are not prohibited from casting their ballot the Board of Elections developed the following policies for the Elections and Voter Registration Office.
 - a) **VR Application Oath**
Mr. Lovell made a motion that should a voter registration application be received and the age question contained in line 7 of the voter registration application be left blank, but the date of birth is provided on line 2 of the voter registration application then the application will be processed. A record of how many applications are received meeting this criteria will be kept by the Elections Office. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. Ms. Krull, Mr. Lovell, Ms. Sorohan, and Mr. Gould voted "yes," Ms. Peck abstained. The motion carried.
 - b) **Absentee Ballot**
Ms. Sorohan made a motion that should an Absentee Ballot be returned by someone other than the voter listed on the Absentee Ballot, and the voter does not meet the disabled exception, the ballot shall be accepted by the elections office. The person who improperly returned the ballot shall be informed of the proper procedures for returning an Absentee Ballot both verbally and in writing. Mr. Lovell seconded the motion. Ms. Krull, Mr. Lovell, Ms. Sorohan, and Mr. Gould voted "yes," Ms. Peck abstained. The motion carried.
 - c) **Municipal Voter List**

The Board of Elections discussed the code section concerning the procedures for submitting the Municipal Voter List to the City Clerk.

V. Invite to Speak at Party Meeting:

- Ms. Peck informed the BOE that an invitation had been sent by the Lumpkin County Democrat Party to have Ms. Peck speak at the August meeting concerning the rules and procedures surrounding “Get out the Vote” activities.
- It was agreed by the BOE that this office is available to assist all community organizations and individuals with information concerning the election process.

VI. IGA: City of Dahlonega November General Election

Mr. Lovell made a motion to approve the IGA with the City of Dahlonega. Mr. Gould seconded the motion. All members approved the motion. The motion carried.

VII. The following upcoming events were discussed

- BOC Meeting (IGA): 8/18
- 3T: 8/20
- Labor Day, Office Closed: 9/7

VIII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Ms. Sorohan made a motion to close the meeting. Mr. Lovell seconded the motion. All members approved the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Krull adjourns the meeting at 11:23pm.

Date

Dottie Krull, Chairman
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